

I am against the use of exposed or open line BPL. BPL poses a serious problem for any user of the HF Spectrum. This would include Amateur Radio Operators, Short Wave Listeners, Military and Transportation services.

Like many amateur radio operators, I am very active in volunteer emergency communications, including NAVY MARS (NNNOHSI) and SHARES which serves as a backup emergency HF communications system for the federal government.

Recently, I spent dozens of hours on the air relaying vital messages to victims affected by Hurricane Isabel. During that time, I had to contend with an ever growing amount of hash and noise caused by the rapid and under regulated growth of consumer electronic devices.

Broadband Internet service is already widely available to most of country via both Cable TV and DSL phone lines. There is no urgent need for this service, only the need of companies to make more money.

I urge the commission to fulfill their duty to public and legally authorized users of the MW and HF spectrum. Deny any attempts to authorize BPL service.

In this post 9/11 world, backup emergency communications are a vital need for national security. Do not allow pressure from big business to determine policy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

73,

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